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ENERGY SECURITY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scientists are deliberating energy security to meet the ever increasing demand of energy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present situation of energy security in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Power has not organized any meeting/conference of scientists to deliberate upon energy security issues.

However, the Planning Commission had set up an Expert Committee to prepare an integrated energy policy under the chairmanship of Member (Energy), Planning Commission. According to information received from Planning Commission,it has released the Expert Committee Report on the Integrated Energy Policy (IEP) in August,2006 and the Report is available on its web site.The IEP addresses the issues of Energy Security in detail.

The IEP places special emphasis on the fact that India`s energy security is critically dependent on the ability to not only provide energy for various industrial and commercial needs but also the ability to provide life line levels of modern commercial energy to all the households. Accordingly, energy security would, inter alia, be dependent on these factors.However, to enhance energy security, highest priority has been accorded for development of all indigenous sources of energy and also on providing accessibility to all households in a time bound manner.